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November 4, 2008

RE: PAINT THINNER AND MULTI-PURPOSE SOLVENT SURVEY UPDATE

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is conducting a survey update for "Paint and Lacquer Thinners" and "Multi-purpose Solvents" (Thinners and Solvents), see Attachment A. This survey update is part of ARB's effort to evaluate the feasibility of further reducing volatile organic compound, reactive organic compound and/or high-global warming greenhouse gas emissions from consumer products. We understand that the market for Thinners and Solvents has changed significantly since the survey we conducted for 2003 sales, and we want to quantify these changes. In this survey update, we are gathering updated sales data for Thinners and Solvents that were sold or supplied for use in California.

Enclosed please find Attachment B, a list of products which your company reported to us in the 2003 Consumer & Commercial Products Survey (2003 Survey), that fall into the Thinners and Solvents categories. We thoroughly reviewed the products your company reported in the Miscellaneous Solvent and Thinning Products categories in the 2003 Survey and the products listed in Attachment B would fall into the Thinners and Solvents categories defined in Attachment A.

For the products in Attachment B which were sold during the 12-month period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 in California and the formula has not changed since prior to 2003, please complete the "Units Sold" column with the number of units sold for the corresponding size listed. If new sizes were available in California in this 12-month period, please add the new size(s) under the "Product Size" column and list the corresponding number of units sold. If the product or a specific size was not sold in California in the 12-month period, indicate "0" in the "Units Sold" column.

If your company has sold new Thinner and Solvent products (sold in California in 2004 or later) or Thinners and Solvents reformulated since 2003, please complete a Form 3 and Form 4 for these products. The forms can be found at the following website:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/tscpwg/tscpwg.htm>

Please click onto "Survey Update Forms." You will need to print out the survey update forms and complete them by hand. Because we have updated the survey forms since the 2003 Survey, we are requesting that you use these survey update forms to report

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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new products. On Form 3, Box #12, please report Number of Individual Product Units Sold in California in the 12-month period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

If your company sold Thinner or Solvent product in California in the 12-month period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 but did not sell in 2003, please contact Trish Johnson, tjohnson@arb.ca.gov or (916) 445-3365, for the appropriate information and forms.

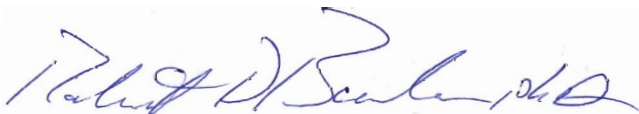
Completion of the survey update is mandatory under California State law. Please return Attachment B and/or new survey forms to ARB as soon as possible, or by December 16, 2008. You may submit your information by email: tjohnson@arb.ca.gov; fax: (916) 327-5621; or mail:

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Attn: Trish Johnson, SSD

We would like to express our appreciation to the individuals and associations that responded to our surveys and assisted us in developing the surveys, as your input has proven invaluable. We appreciate the effort, resources and commitment that industry has put forth to complete the surveys.

If you have questions concerning completion of the survey, please contact Ms. Trish Johnson, Measures Development Section, at (916) 445-3365, or by e-mail at tjohnson@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Barham", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Robert D. Barham, Ph.D.
Assistant Division Chief
Stationary Source Division

Enclosures

cc: Trish Johnson
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Air Quality Measures Branch

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ATTACHMENT A – Definitions

(These definitions are provided for survey purposes only.)

Multi-purpose Solvent any liquid product designed or labeled to be used for dispersing or dissolving or removing contaminants or other organic materials. “Multi-purpose Solvent” includes (A) products that do not display specific use instructions on the product container or packaging, (B) products that do not specify an end-use function or application on the product container or packaging, and (C) solvents used in institutional facilities, except for laboratory reagents used in analytical, educational, research, scientific or other laboratories.

“Multipurpose Solvent” does not include solvents used in cold cleaners, vapor degreasers, conveyorized degreasers or film cleaning machines, or solvents that are incorporated into, or used exclusively in the manufacture or construction of, the goods or commodities at the site of the establishment. “Multi-purpose Solvent” also does not include any product making any representation that the product may be used as, or is suitable for use as a consumer product which qualifies under another definition; such products are not Multi-purpose Solvents and are subject to the “Most Restrictive Limit” provision.

Paint Thinner means any liquid product used for reducing the viscosity of coating compositions or components, that prominently displays the term “Paint Thinner,” “Lacquer Thinner,” “Thinner,” or “Reducer” on the front panel of its packaging.

Note: Do not include products labeled and used exclusively as a component in a specific coating, products labeled and used exclusively in marine and/or automotive coatings or other Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) surface coatings, products incorporated into or used exclusively in the manufacture or construction of goods or commodities at the site of manufacture.